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At a Communist section meeting in Baden, Scheffberger, fmu, of the KP0e district headquarters in Baden, discussed United States action in stopping youths en route to the Berlin youth rally via Western Austria. He stated that the U.S. pretext was a lie, since the youths were properly documented for transiting Austria. He explained that the purpose of the United States was to wreck the youth festival, and called the action one more proof of American irresponsibility. Subsequent conversation showed that Scheffberger's listeners were uninterested. Most of the group appeared to believe that the Soviets would take similar action if the situation were reversed.

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Comment: Scheffberger has previously been reported as Bezirkssohnmann (KP0e district chairman) for Baden.

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